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Man Pleads to Sucker-Punching Homeless Victim at Hollywood Metro Station

A 33-year-old man pleaded no contest yesterday to assaulting a transient at a Metro station in Hollywood, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

James Anthony Hanson of Culver City entered the plea to one felony count of assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury.

Deputy District Attorney Joy Sumabat-Graff, who prosecuted the case, said Hanson was immediately sentenced to three years of formal probation and ordered to complete 52 anger management classes. Additionally, the defendant was ordered to stay away from the victim and the location of the offense.

On Dec. 13, 2016, Hanson punched the 59-year-old man in the face while the victim was looking away from the defendant at the Hollywood/Vine Metro Station, the prosecutor said.

Case BA452634 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Transit Services Bureau.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.